Termination of service contract of employees

133. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Aviation Corporation of India Limited (NACIL) has terminated service contract of its nine employees for being over-weight;

(b) if so, under which clause of service rule has this action been taken;

(c) whether proper notice was served on the employees before their termination;

(d) whether this action would be withdrawn; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Services of these Cabin Crew have been dispensed with under the relevant Clause of their respective appointment letters for the post of Trainee Airhostess and as Airhostess, which read as under:-

(ii) "During the tenure of your services, your services are liable to be terminated:-

(a) if you fail to maintain normal vision without glasses; (b) do not maintain weight within prescribed limits; (c) develop air sickness."

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The termination has already been effected. Action is therefore complete.

Shortage of pilots

134. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is rapidly going to suffer in aviation sector as it is facing acute shortage of trained pilots, particularly for wide-bodied passenger jetliners and nearly 5,000 more pilots may be needed over the next five years;

(b) if so, the steps Government is proposing to take to meet this shortage;

(c) whether crunch is also being faced by Air India;

(d) if so, whether any concrete steps have been taken by these airlines to meet shortage;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government has decided not to appoint foreign pilots; and

(g) if so, to what extent Government is hopeful to meet this shortage of pilots in the airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) There is no shortage of pilots in the country. However, there is shortage of type rated pilots which is being met by expatriate pilots. The airlines have been advised to adopt effective training